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SUBJECT:CONTINUING RUMORS OF SAUDI DEAL FOR FRENCH NUCLEAR REACTORS

1. WE HAVE NOTICED NUMEROUS PRESS REPORTS OVER THE PAST FEW MONTHS THAT SAUDI ARABIA WILL PURCHASE TWO NUCLEAR REACTORS FROM THE FRENCH. TO THE BEST OF OUR KNOWLEDGE THESE RUMORS ARE FALSE. FADIL KABBANI, DEPUTY MINISTER FOR MINERAL RESOURCES IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND MINERAL RESOURCES, TELLS US THAT THE COST OF REACTORS WOULD BE PROHIBITIVELY HIGH HERE IN COMPARISON NOT JUST WITH FOSSIL FUELS, BUT WITH SOLAR ENERGY , AS WELL. ALTHOUGH HE WOULD NOT BE ADVERSE TO SEEING SOME KIND OF SMALL RESEARCH SET-
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UP BEGUN IN SAUDI ARABIA, HE IS NOT AT ALL INTERESTED

IN AN EXPENSIVE NUCLEAR SET-UP WHICH WOULD BE COMPLETELY
DEPENDENT ON TWO OR THREE HUNDRED FOREIGNERS.

2. ACCORDING TO KABBANI, THE SAUDIS WILL SOON BE SETTING
UP AN INTERAGENCY COMMITTEE ON NUCLEAR ENERGY, BUT THIS
DEVELOPMENT IS IN NO WAY RELATED TO THE FRENCH, AND IN
NO WAY MESSAGES SOME KIND OF MAJOR NUCLEAR ACTIVITY BY
THE SAUDIS. WE WILL CONTINUE TO FOLLOW DEVELOPMENTS IN
THIS AREA CLOSELY.

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